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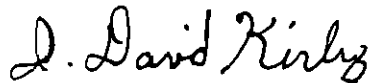
Proposed RHCPP Project Merger – WC Docket No. – 02-60
Merger of North Carolina RHCPP projects:
6/4/09

Dear Mr. Buckley:

The set of four letters that follows this cover letter represent a response to inquiries made by Jamie Susskind and Ernesto Beckford of the FCC with regard to a set of letters dated 5/13/09 requesting a merger of the four RHCPP projects in North Carolina. Ms. Susskind and Mr. Beckford have asked that the requesting parties document the three additional points covered in these letters from the four parties representing the projects.

Please advise me if we can be of further assistance in the speedy processing the merger request.

Yours truly,



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Dear Mr. Buckley:

This letter is in response to inquiries made by Jamie Susskind and Ernesto Beckford of the FCC with regard to a set of letters dated 5/13/09 requesting a merger of the four RHCPP projects in North Carolina. Ms. Susskind and Mr. Beckford have asked that the requesting parties document three additional points related to the merger request. This letter and the ones from the other requesting parties below are meant to provide this documentation.

- 1) The NCTN Project as pursued alone by the Cabarrus Health Alliance will continue to pursue its RHCPP project goals whether the merger is granted or not.
- 2) The entities that were intended to be offered broadband connections/services in the NCTN project will be offered broadband connections/services in the merged project in a way that will meet our goals for our RHCPP proposal.
- 3) The merged project will be able to use RHCPP funds at least as efficiently as the unmerged projects would have. We expect that the merged project will be able to gain some advantage in pricing for broadband services due to being a larger project. This aspect of the merged project, therefore, may be more efficient.

Sincerely yours,

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- 1) The University Health Systems of Eastern NC (UHS) does not see a reasonable way at this time to move forward with its RHCPP project except via this requested merger. The merger is our best alternative for moving forward and without it we would likely have to consider ending our participation in the RHCPP.
- 2) The entities that were intended to be offered broadband connections/services in the UHS project will be offered broadband connections/services in the merged project in a way that will meet our goals for our RHCPP proposal.
- 3) The merged project will be able to use RHCPP funds at least as efficiently as the UHS project would have. We expect that the merged project will be able to gain some advantage in pricing for broadband services due to being a larger project. This aspect of the merged project, therefore, may be more efficient.

We will await your formal notice that the projects are merged.

Sincerely yours,

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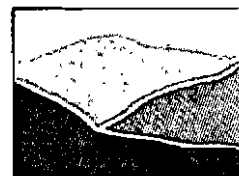
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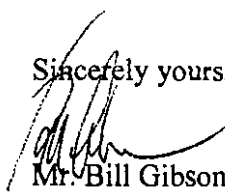
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- 1) The Southwestern Commission (SWC) sees no way to move forward with its RHCPP project except via this requested merger. Without the merger, we expect to be forced to end our participation in the RHCPP.
- 2) The entities that were intended to be offered broadband connections/services in the SWC project will be offered broadband connections/services in the merged project in a way that will meet our goals for our RHCPP proposal.
- 3) The merged project will be able to use RHCPP funds at least as efficiently as the UHS project would have. We expect that the merged project will be able to gain some advantage in pricing for broadband services due to being a larger project. This aspect of the merged project, therefore, may be more efficient.

Sincerely yours,


Mr. Bill Gibson
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- 1) Albemarle Health does not see a reasonable way to move forward with its RHCPP project except via this requested merger. The merger is our best alternative for moving forward and without it we would likely have to consider ending our participation in the RHCPP.
- 2) The entities that were intended to be offered broadband connections/services in the Albemarle Network Telemedicine Initiative will be offered broadband connections/services in the merged project in a way that will meet our goals for our RHCPP proposal.
- 3) The merged project will be able to use RHCPP funds at least as efficiently as the Albemarle Network Telemedicine Initiative would have. We expect that the merged project will be able to gain some advantage in pricing for broadband services due to being a larger project. This aspect of the merged project, therefore, may be more efficient.

Please advise on your final decision to the above mentioned merger.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen W. Clark, FACHE
Chief Information Officer